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1. It was learned on 23 February 1951, that the VP installation in Prora has been occupied by a total of about 2,000 police since the middle of February. Specifically, about 1,300 VP personnel, 600 Seepolizei (Sea Police) personnel, and 100 VP ordnance personnel were allegedly there. About 300 police were observed in close order drill and field training in the billeting area. It was said that the Seepolizei personnel also received basic infantry training.
2. Residents of Bergen said that 12 tanks for the VP school in Prora were unloaded at the Bergen railroad station during the nights of 16 and 17 February. During the period of unloading, the lights in the town were centrally switched off. The tanks were completely covered with tarpaulins.
3. [redacted] more than 200 workmen were engaged in the construction of wooden barracks south of the main buildings of the VP installation in Prora, and in resurfacing the roads there. The workmen were occasionally assisted by police personnel. [redacted] shipments of 10 to 15 police from various VP posts in the Soviet Zone of Germany arrived almost daily since the end of 1950. The last of these shipments allegedly arrived in the middle of February. *

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- * [redacted] Comment. Detailed data on the new VP Dienststelle (VPD) in the former Kraft-Durch-Freude (German Workers' Recreation Organization) seaside resort of Prora, which superseded the former VP infantry school there, were contained in a previous report. [redacted] Since the reference report also mentioned the training of about 250 Seepolizei personnel there, it is believed that, besides the new VPD, the installation houses a Seepolizei School for infantry training, or a Seepolizei battalion.

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